

COUNTRY Germany Approved For Release 2002/07/15 : CIA-RDP80-00810A001100480004-3TOPIC Marsching Airfield

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1CDATE OF CONTENT 16 February to 15 March 1953DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 8 April 1953REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [redacted]REMARKS [redacted]

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1. Between 7 p.m. and midnight on 21 February 1953, night flying was practiced by swept-back jet fighters which took off individually at intervals of 5 to 10 minutes. The sky was clear and visibility was good. On 22 February, no air activity was observed at night. It rained occasionally.

2. The following observations were made at the field between 2 and 15 March:

25X1X 2 March. No air activity was observed. Visibility was good and there were no clouds.

3 March. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., individual local flights were made. There was a closed cloud base at an altitude of about 500 meters.

25X1C 4 March. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., planes including two swept-back jet fighters [redacted] individually circled over the field. The sky was overcast.

5 and 7 March. No air activity was observed. There was a closed cloud base.

25X1C 8 March. Between 8:25 a.m. and 2:50 p.m., there was intensive local flying. [redacted] 25X1C there was a 3/10 overcast and good visibility.

9 March. No air activity was observed. The sky was overcast at an altitude of 1,000 meters and visibility was good.

10 March. Between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., air activity, mostly flying in formations of four planes, was observed at the field. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of 600 meters. Between 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m., swept-back jet fighters practiced night flying in elements of two.

11 March. Between 12:30 and 4 p.m., individual local flights were made. The sky was 5/10 overcast.

12 March. An element of two planes [redacted] took off at 5:01 p.m. and landed at 5:59 p.m.

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12 March. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., flying was practiced in elements of two and in formations of four. There was a 8/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and good visibility. It was conspicuous that eight MiG-15s practiced diving in a manner indicating that fighter bombers were being trained.

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13 March. A MiG-15 plane took off at 8:30 a.m. It circled once over the field. There were no clouds and visibility was good.¹

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3. With regard to Stalin's death, source observed the field particularly thoroughly. However, no changes were observed.
4. During the first half of March, the dredger on the northern edge of the field was still in operation.

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Comment. Marseburg airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and a fighter regiment. Intensive air activity by this regiment was previously reported.

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